WASHINGTON PAGE THE WASHINGTON TIMES WASHINGTON PEOPLE KNICKERBOCKER THEATER A BOTCHED JOB, SAYS ENGINEER

"Laws Disregarded, Work Skimped, and Inspection Lax," Asserts Legislator.

WANTS COMPLETE SURVEY

Calls Attention to Kleist Report, Which Grills Architect, Builders, and Government.

Congressman Fred Zihlman, of Maryland, last night placed the blame for the collapse of the roof of the Knickerbocker Theater squarely on the District of Columbia government.

He claimed there is sufficient law in the District to have prevented the Knickerbocker catastrophe if the existing building code had been enforced.

Laws Disregarded.

"It would seem that the regulations and laws on the subject were disregarded in the construction of this theater, and that no attention was paid to the safeguards and restrictions laid down by law," declared

"It does not require an engineer Knickerbocker Collapse Caused to see that this structure was skimped and was not erected in accordance with law," said Zihlman, "and the architect, the supervising engineer, and the building inspectors were negligent of the safety of the pat-Many of the blocks were broken and pieces of brick and wood were thrown in to fill up the cavities; small pieces of wood were used in

when they were being laid.
"It has been repeatedly stated by Committee in the House that a ment in the District, and an attempt has been made several t.mes to pass in the construction of the building," tickets beyond the seating capacity of the theaters, thus preventing crowds from congregating in the lobbies and in the aisles back of the seats, but owing to the opposition of the theater owners of the city this leg.slation was not favorably acted upon.

Proposes General Survey. and amusement places in Washington which are engaged in practices has forced upon me the conviction o fthe meters tested have been run-

by a competent commission of ex stng amusement places within the forthcoming.

The Congressman included in his Kleist, architectural and structural engineer of New York city.

Kleist declared that poorly constructed walls of inferior material caused the roof to cave in. He said did not cause the collapse Defects Discovered.

Here are some of the defects

Kleist found: Walls were built of terra cotta blocks that were in part fractured and broken, very few being 100 per

The mortar used was not of good mixture and the walls were not filled The blocks were poorly set, leaving the walls out of plumb in a great

many places. Some of the lintels were not rein-

Where the proscenium wall intersects with the wall facing Columbia together.
The wall facing Columbia road 1921.

shows cracks in a great many places,

The walls were never strong enough at any time to take the load

I am of the positive opinion that in course of time there would have en a collapse in the theater, irrespective of a snow load. The crumbling of the terra cotta

where the trusses rested caused the trusses to slip from their The wall facing on Columbia road was not designed to meet the re-

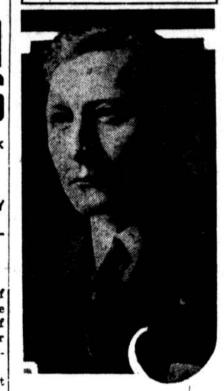
Lauds Travelers' Aid

"The work the Travelers' Aid not be estimated-it is too far-reach- expects to more than double this

This was the note attached to a June 30, next. check sent to the Travelers' Aid Society by Mrs. W. S. Pierce, secretary-treasurer of the Marne Unit, Américan Woman's Legion, during

The Travelers' Ald Society, now engaged in a campaign for funds

contributions for the society. Small subscriptions are especially appre-



CONG. FRED ZIHLMAN, Of Maryland, who laid the blame for the recent Knickerbocker Theater disaster on lax enforce-ment of the District building code. the recent Knickerbocker

by Improper Bracing, Is Oklahoman's View.

In a statement to Senator Capper, chairman of the Senate committee Knickerbocker Theater disaster, Leo inspector of the Public Utilities Kentucky, will be the speaker. Sanders, a consulting engineer of Commission examine and test the filling holes and leveling the blocks Oklahoma City, claims that the col- meter which registers the amount members of the District of Columbia to the weakness of the columns and occasion it has been officially at junior vice commander-in-chief, will to the fact that the main column calamity would occur in some of the supporting the roof was out of align-

> friend of former Senator Gore. made. "These should not have escaped inspection. Most of these, however, were not subject to strain in the recent collapse and do not account for the catastrophe. When the

which would not be tolerated in any other city in the country and which might lead to another disaster.

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Coal Producers Speed Up, Fearing Walk-Out

Threat of a gigantic coal strike on April 1 has speeded up coal produc-

Figures made public last night by the Geological Survey show that the total output of bituminous coal during the week ending February amounted to 9,708,000 tons, an in forced with rods and the twelve-inch crease of 88,000 tons over the precedterra cotta block proscenium wall ing week. Increased activity in the shows old cracks not of a momentary anthracite region carried production upward to 1.811,000 tons in the first week of February, the report showed. The current rate of anthraroad, same was not properly tied cite production, however, is still nation's "best citizens" since he was about 174,000 tons less than that of released five years ago.

"The present production is large and this condition existed long before enough to meet current requirements E. E. Dudding, president of the Prisfor consumption and export, and at The theater was unsafe from the the same time add to the reserve in storage," Survey officials said.

Congress Talking Less; Printing Bill Declines

Less talk by Congress for con-sumtion in the districts back home has helped Uncle Sam cut his printing bill this year.

By restricting printing and distribution of public documents, such as Congressmen's speeches, and by other economies in Government printing, Public Printer Carter announced his expenditure Woman's Legion Officer for the first of the fiscal year have amounted to \$4,494,000, a decresae of \$1,264,000 below the same period

year ago.
The Government Board of Re-Society has done, and is doing, can-view, wielding the pruning knife, saving by the end of the fiscal year

Waterways Convention To Meet Here March 1

The seventeenth convention of the stage an elaborate program in cel-National Rivers and Harbor Con- ebration of Victory Memorial Day, engaged in a campaign for funds and series will be held here March 1 and Thomas, instructor of medieval and announced last night. This is the asked the public to aid in its work, 2, it was announced during the American history at the Dunbar smallest decrease since October, not only through subscriptions, but week. The program has not been High School, will speak on "The The following offices with \$100 by reporting cases which apparently definitely formulated, but the offi- Development of Racial need the attention of a society reprecial call stated that "perhaps the spect, the Supreme End of Negro ing the month of over \$12,000: Chi sentative. | Chi sentative | Chi se A. C. Moses, chairman of the will be the proposed St. Lawrence son Layton, who has been in social ton. \$87,656; Raymond, Wash., \$26, executive committee and John B. river ship canal. Other topics to service work for a number of years, 622: Sioux City, Iowa, \$17,589; St. Larner, treasurer, are receiving be included are the Muscle Shoals will speak of her experiences Louis, \$12,096. Augusta, Ga., with project. Panama Canal tolls and among the soldiers during the world a gain of almost 100 per cent, is Government barge lines on the war.

Tests, Expresses Belief People Are Mulcted.

When the Public Utilities Comthe Capital are registering too fast scheduled for tomorrow. and that the consumers as a consequence are being mulcted out of the Grand Army of the Republic, will thousands of dollars illegally every take place tomorrow night.

petition filed with the commission held by the League of Republican urging a general inspection of all meeting of Lincoln Post, No. 17. copy of the indictment brought against the company has been sent club. committees.

Andrew R. Kelley, of the Belgrade apartments, a consumer who claims hold special Lincoln Day services to o be the victim of fast meters four within eight months, has petitioned for the inspection. On each tian, 7:45 p. m.; Foundry Methodist, of the occasions when the Public 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.; Covenant Pres-Utility Commission's inspectors byterian, 3:30 p. m.; New York Assehave examined his meter upon request, it has been found that the derice was registering too fast and he Congressman Joseph G. Cannon prewas given a new meter of the same siding, 8 o'clock. type as that which registered in-

"Since last June I have had birthday tomorrow night in the occasion on four times as your offi- First Congregational which is probing the cause of the cial records will prove, to have an

such utility.

"It appears to me that the conan established fact, and that con- Sons of sumers as a consequence are illeg-ally mulcted out oftho usands of weight of the roof was increased by dollars monthly by cuch methods. I "I do not think that Congress could the weight of the snow, the deflection am assured by officials of your do any greater service than to have tion of the column caused it to give honorable body that where examinmade a careful survey of the theaters way, yielding at the defective point, ations have been made, the records "An examination of the columns reveal that more than 45 per cent

"I am calling this matter to the attention of the Senate District is composed of Henry A. Johnson, also, to the end that if the District is without the necessary funds and spection, the evil may be considered of sufficient importance to warrant will act as ushers: Adolph P. Schipattention from Congress."

Mohawk Ex-Convict on Parole Remembers Kidness of Dr. E. E. Dudding.

"Indian Joe" hit town yesterday

West Virginia State Penitentiary for As soon as he arrived in the Capi- pupils will

tal, Johnson paid his respects to Dr. Lincoln. oners' Relief Society. Around Dudding and "Indian Joe"

might be woven a romantic novel One day while Dudding was visiting the penitentiary, he happened to pass the Indian's cell. The prisoner was seated on his cot, his face buried in his hands.
"What's the matter, old scout?"

Dudding asked ,sympathetically. "I am feeling blue this evening." the red man answered in perfect English After questioning him. Dudding was told how the Indian was falsely

convicted of a crime. The Prisoners Aid president gave him a copy of a religious magazine, an act which deeply touched the heart of the Through Dudding's efforts and the

aid of a prominent banker, Johnson was liberated on parole.
"Indian Joe" was born on the Mohawk reservation. As soon as he obtains release from his parole he expects to return to his people

BLAINE CLUB CELEBRATION. The Blaine Invincible Club will

There will be a special mu- now in the \$100,000 class, it was sical program.

Consumer. After Repeated Special Church Services to Be Conducted Today-Marine Band to Play.

The 113th anniversary of the birth Mission opens its public hearing of Abraham Lincoln is being cele-Tuesday to fix a new rate for the Washington Gas Light Company, it Today's observances are for the most will be called upon to consider part confined to the churches, the charges that thousands of the bulk of the celebrations by patriotic meters used by the corporation in and fraternal organizations being

The anniversary was ushered in The charges are contained in a last night by a Lincoln Day dinner

Special Church Service. Among the churches which will

day are the First Congregational Church, 8 p. m.; Ninth Street Chr s

Log Cabin Night, the annual Lincorrectly after the tests, he says. His coln Day celebration of the Wilson letter to the commossion follows:
"May I respectfully direct the attention of your honorable body to a condition relative to the consumptor the consumptor of the twiston of the consumptor of the wilson Normal Community Center, will preside the consumptor of the Wilson Normal Community Center, will be at the consumptor of the Wilson Normal Community Center, will be at the consumptor of the Wilson Normal Community Center, will be at the consumptor of the Wilson Normal Community Center, will be at the consumptor of the Wilson Normal Community Center, will be attended to the consumptor of the Wilson Normal Community Center, will be attended to the consumptor of the Wilson Normal Community Center, will be attended to the consumptor of the Wilson Normal Community Center, will be attended to the consumptor of the cons a condition relative to the consumption of the Washington Gas Light will be combined with the music company's product, that I feel week concert, to be conducted by comes properly within the scope of Robert Lawrence. The Department of the Potomac the hearing to fix a new rate for

A. R. will celebrate Lincoln's

gressman John W. Langley, of John McElroy, department com-mander, will call the meeting to lapse of the roof was primarily due of gas used in my home. On each order, and Dr. Henry A. Johnson, tested that the company has fur- preside. The invocation will be nished me with a meter which runs pronounced by the Rev. Jason Notoo fast. My bills as a consequence ble Pierce and the benediction by have been exorbitant and each new the Rev. R. E. McBride, department "There were many minor defects meter provided is the same make as chaplain. Brief talks will be made the one which measured too fast by the Rev. James Shera Montstated Mr. Sanders, who is a close and about which complaint was gomery, chaplain of the House, and by Isabel Worrell Ball, past na tional senior vice president of the tinued use of meters which register Woman's Relief Corps. Harley V incorrectly is not a coincidence but Speelman, past commander-in-chief Veterans, will read the

Gettysburg address Marine Band to Play. musical program will be given

by Miss Viola L. Schippert, so prano, with Miss Nellie Sacrey as accompanist.
Officers of the department John McElroy, department com-mander; H. L. Deam, junior vice Gas D. Godfrey, assistant quartermaster

> E. Faunce, O. H. Oldroyd, E. D. gency Taylor, Clinton J. Hyatt and future calls upon it.

New Citizens Celebrate.

enth and O streets northwest. row night

The students of the Americanization classes at the Webster School, and of heavy bath robes at \$4.50 Although he served a "hitch" in Tenth and H streets northwest, will West Virginia State Pentential, to second-degree murder—a crime he row afternoon. Mack Signs will second-degree murder—"Indian row afternoon. Mack Signs will second the Gettysburg address and poems will be read by John Nacos poems and Francis Rey. George Lampras will give a mandolin solo. Other read compositions on Lincoln. The program will close with the singing of patriotic songs.

Experts in Mental Diseases Meet Here

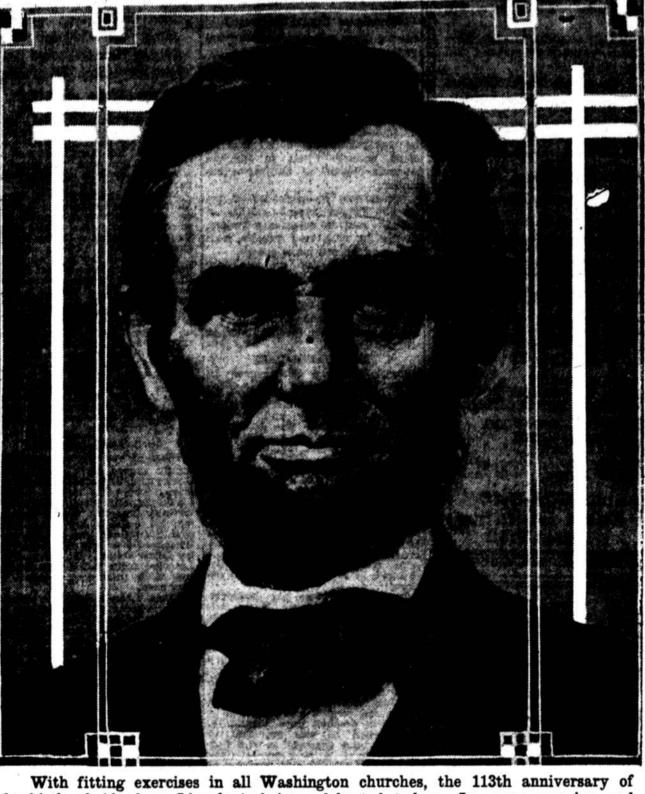
Specialists and consultants in mer al diseases from all parts of the country are in Washington in conference at the U. S. Veterans' Bureau considering a permanent program ropsychiatric patients, hospitaliza tion and compensation rates in these

Minimum professional standards to be established for contract hospitals caring for this type of patients has received much attention. The con ference will decide upon a definite olicy for handling these cases before t adjourns. The training of neu ropsychiatric personnel, including doctors, nurses and reconstruction agents, will be discussed and recom mendations made.

P. O. Savings Deposits

Decreased \$800,000 Total deposits in the United States Postal Savings on February 1 were crease of about \$800,000 for the month, the Postoffice Department The program has not been High School, will speak on "The or more on deposit made gains dur-

THE GREAT EMANCIPATOR



the birth of Abraham Lincoln is being celebrated today. In every mansion and lowly cottage the life and works of the first martyr President will be recalled as a distinct lesson in "Americanism."

Theater Disaster, in Need of Replenishment.

Mabel T. Boardman, chairman of The committee on arrangements the District Red Cross chapter, has the committee of volunteer aids of Committee and the House committee chairman; H. B. Snyder, George H. issued a call to Washington women Slaybaugh, Thomas S. Hopkins, S. to aid in replenishing the emer-The following Sons of Veterans erbocker Theater two weeks ago pert, C. O. Howard, E. F. Warner, able to contribute are asked to re J. S. Jones, V. L. Garrigus, George port to the chapter house, 16 Jack-Francis Williams, O. A. C. Oehm- son Place, at once, that the emer-ler, Herbert Walton Rutledge, Dr. gency chest may be in readiness for

Sweaters, socks, pajamas, heavy bath robes, sheets and pillow cases are required for this equipment The day classes of the American Sufficient wool for a sweater for ization School will give a joint pro- \$1.50 and for a pair of socks for gram in celebration of Lincoln's 75 cents may be had at the chapter tomorrow morning at house, 16 Jackson Place, with knit-Columbia Junior High School, Sev- ting instructions. Those who cannot knit may help by contributing The night classes of the school the cost of the wool for a sweater will give an elaborate program at or a pair of socks, and these will the same place at 8 o'clock tomor- be made by women who cannot afford to contribute money. Materials for pajamas at \$1.55

> also are needed. Contributions for two yards and pillow cases fortyfor the emergency cots.

BAND CONCERT

Valse de concert "The Debutante Ballet Russe .. a "Czardas," allegro moderato, b "Valse Lento," mouvement valse anime. c ''Mazurka,'' moderato. d ''Marche Russe,'' allegro non troppo.

Grand march, "Huldiging," Wagner
Marines' hymn, "The Halls of

"The Star-Spangled Banner.

Out Long Wait of 2,400 D. C. Employes.

Give the 2,400 per diem employes of the District government salary increases before considering increases for school teachers, policemen, and firemen.

women will make them up such as according to William McK. Clayand House.

Washington! Will You Aid 400,000 Starving Orphans?

The Washington American Jewish Relief Committee is working with the National European Jewish Relief Committee in raising \$14,000,000 to help alleviate the utter destitution which is visiting some 400,000 orphaned Jewish and non-Jewish chil-Washington's quota in this wonderful humanitarian work is

\$100,000. To raise this sum requires the co-operation and financial assistance of peoples of all faiths and creeds. The work is very well conducted and the administration of the relicf in the hands of Americans is conducted at the very small cost of only three dollars out of every hundred. Ninety-seven dollars out of every hundred goes to the purchase of foods, clothing, and other measures of relief.

706 Evans Building, City Attached find \$...... as contribution to Washington American-Jewish Relief Fund.

Mr. Gerson Nordlinger, Treasurer,

By JOS. D. KAUFMAN.

SIMON LYON, Chairman.

Chairman Publicity Committee.

Officials Working Out Plan. D. C. Lads to Make Mt. Vernon Pilgrimage.

Officials at national headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America are at present working on a plan whereby the radio knowledge and equipment Boy Scouts may be put at the disposal of the nation.

Washington boys are now receiving special instruction in radio work, under the direction of Major Evans. During the past week the local amateurs joined with 40,000 other scouts throughout the counmessage sent out by President Hard-

Washington Boy Scouts will jour-ney to Mt. Vernon on Washington's birthday, observing the one hundred and ninetieth birthday anniversary Citizens' Federation Points of the first President and establishing a pilgrimage custom which will be followed hereafter. The scouts will travel to Mt. Vernon by trolley and prepare their own noon meal

> Eagles Plan Building For Headquarters Here

National headquarters of the Fra-ternal Order of Eagles will be established in Washington in the near these garments are asked and if Federation of Citizens' Associations, future, it was announced yesterday. Several sites for a suitable headsistance will be of great help.

Sheets two and three-quarter by Commissioners for a hearing on the the society, which plans to erect in teachers' salary increase bill which the city a building equal to any of five by thirty-two inches are needed has been introduced in the Senate the handsome club buildings for which the city is becoming rapidly The plans will be submitted to the Fine Arts Commission for approval before the construction The matter will be taken up. it

is expected, at the regular meeting next Thursday at Musicians' Hall, 1006 E street northwest, when John M. Merin, president, will preside.

Co-operative Farming Bill Is Near Passage

After being knocked from pillar to post in Congress for the past two years, the Capper-Volstead bill to legalize the operation of cooperative associations of farmers for the marketing of their products is well on the way to a permanent place in the law of the land. After being passed by the Senate with only one dissenting vote, the bill went yesterday to the House, where minor amendments adopted by the Senate were accepted by a vote of 276 to 8. The measure will probably be sent to the White House for President

Harding's signature early this week. Ringwood Resigns Job

With Emergency Fleet

Announcement was made yester-day that R. J. Ringwood, of San Francisco, has resigned as manager of the operations department of the Emergency Fleet Corporation. Ringwood has held this position since August 3, 1921.

He stated that he is leaving in order to return to his home in California, where, after a short rest, he expects to re-engage in shipping activities.

Examination for \$5 of HEAD, LUMGS, heart, stemach, liver, blasder, bowels or appendix as seen with your capture of the stated that he is leaving in order to return to his home in California, where, after a short rest, he expects to re-engage in shipping activities.

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amilies' Needs Drive Employes to Hunt Any Kind of Work Obtainable.

Resignation of many of the avy Yard men placed on "furby the Navy Department's drastic reduction order Thursday was predicted today by those of the workers who already are seek

ing new positions. By resigning they will receive as a refund the money which has been monthly deducted from their wages and placed in the retirement fund. Though this amount cases averages only \$52 to \$54, in some cases as high as \$66 to \$70, because of the situation in which many families now suddenly find themselves, the sum looks like a godsend. t is in many cases the only bright spot in a gloomy immediate financial outlook

Reports that many already had resigned, foregoing the possibility of renewed employment by reason of the "furlough," were brought to the attention of the commandant of the yard today. He said the resignations had not come to his hands. and that if any had been filed yesterday it was likely he would have seen them by this time. He said it was possible there were some resignations in the mail.

Looking for Jobs Union officials pointed out today that "furlough" was of advantage to the more elderly men released, especially if they were to be retired by next July. The fact that they are still on the rolls would permit of their receiving full retirement compensation. To the younger men of the 1,350 released, however, the

carries no advantages

union officials pointed out. Additional releases at the yard yesterday and today totaled nearly forty. These were included in the original figure, 1,350. Many men, on leave, had not yet received their notification of "furlough," and consequently these additions during yesterday and today were thus nounced as the men reported at the ards to learn whether or not they nad been included in the lay off.

"furlough"

The Navy Yard Relief Bureau has been established by Joe Malloy, an ex-employee of the navy yard, for the relief of navy yard men laid off. Many of these men have large families and real hardships can be avoided only by their entering into some other line of business immediately. Among the list are machinists, steamfitters, auto mechanics, carpenters, painters, electricians, sales-

men, draftsmen, chauffeurs, clerks, bookkeepers, stenographers, musicians, pressers, waiters, housecleaners and many other lines that have not yet been listed. These men are anxious to obtain job work, contract work or perms

nent employment. Appeal is made to the people Washington and nearby localities to send in whatever work orders they

All communications should be addressed to Joe Malloy, 456 Louisiana avenue northwest, phone Main 4966.

C. D. OF A. INSTALL.

Officers installed in the Catholic Daughters of America, District of Columbia, No. 212, for 1922 were an nounced as follows: Grand regent. Dr. Mary C. Boland; vice regent, Miss Agnes Cotter; prophetess, Mrs. Emma Paire; historian, Miss Frances Austin; financial secretary, Miss Margaret Harold; monitor, Miss Helen Gantley; sentinel, Miss Nettle Fitzgerald; treasurer, Mrs. Mary

FRAME DWELLING BURNS.

Fire destroyed the one-story frame dwelling of Alexander Ryan, Eighteenth street and Railroad avenue southeast, yesterday, causing damage estimated at \$2,500. The blaze is believed to have been started by an overheated stove.

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